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TAGS: MORG, CFED, BE

SUBJECT: TAXATION DIFFICULTIES WITH BELGIAN GOVERNMENT

REFS: A) BRUSSELS 2815

B) GERSHENSON/FIELDS LETTER, 2/25/75

C) CINCUSAREUR MSG. 281103Z, MARCH 75, NOTAL

1. IT IS APPARENT THE APRIL 10 DEADLINE MENTIONED IN REF A MUST BE ADJUSTED TO PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS MERITS OF U.S. POSITION ON RELIEF FROM THE SUBJECT TAXES. EMBASSY IS INSTRUCTED URGENTLY TO SEEK EXTENSION FOR AT LEAST SIXTY DAYS AND INDICATE TO GOB OUR URGENT DESIRE TO DISCUSS QUESTION OF EXEMPTION GRANTED USG FOR COMMON DEFENSE EXPENDITURES UNDER APRIL 7, 1952 US-BELGIAN AGREEMENT ON RELIEF FROM TAXATION ON DEFENSE EXPENDITURES.

2. WE ARE INFORMED THAT BELGIANS HAVE RAISED ISSUE WITH RESPECT TO VALIDITY OF 1952 TAX RELIEF AGREEMENT ON BASIS OF ITS NOT HAVING RECEIVED PROPER AUTHORIZATION OF GOB.  
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PLEASE ADVISE WASHINGTON SOONEST IF THIS IS IN FACT POSITION

OF GOB SO THAT THIS ISSUE MAY BE FULLY ADDRESSED IN DEVELOPMENT OF A USG RESPONSE.

3. INTER-AGENCY COMMITTEE IS DEVELOPING A NEGOTIATION POSITION ON PRIORITY BASIS AND WILL ADVISE EMBASSY MORE PARTICULARLY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. IT IS DIFFICULT TO UNDERSTAND HOW GOB CAN IGNORE CLEAR OBLIGATION OF 1952 AGREEMENT. ANY LIGHT WHICH EMBASSY CAN SHED ON GOB POSITION ALONG THIS LINE WILL BE APPRECIATED. THE UK AND OTHER NATO COUNTRIES HAVING SIMILAR BILATERAL TAX RELIEF AGREEMENTS ACCORD EXEMPTION FOR SIMILAR CHARGES. DATA ON SUCH EXEMPTION IS BEING DEVELOPED AND WILL BE COMMUNICATED AS PART OF THE USG NEGOTIATION POSITION.

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